Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification of the above-referenced patent application by adding the following section headings.

(1) On page 1, following the title "A CUTTER HEAD FOR A BRUSH CUTTER, EDGE TRIMMER OR SIMILAR," and preceding the paragraph that begins on line 1 of the above-referenced patent application (as-filed), please insert the following section heading.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

(2) On page 1, following the paragraph that ends on line 29 and preceding the paragraph that begins on line 30 of the above-referenced patent application (as-filed), please insert the following section heading.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

(3) On page 4, following the paragraph that ends on line 19 and preceding the paragraph that begins on line 20 of the above-referenced patent application (as-filed), please insert the following section heading.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

(4) On page 5, following the paragraph that ends on line 27 and preceding the paragraph that begins on line 28 of the above-referenced patent application (as-filed), please insert the following section heading.

DESCRIPTIONS OF EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION

Please also amend the specification by replacing several paragraphs with the replacement paragraphs provided below. Each replacement paragraph is provided with markings to show all changes relative to the corresponding previous version.

(5) On page 1 of the above-referenced patent application (as-filed), please replace the paragraph in lines 24-25 with the following replacement paragraph.

> Particular mention ~~will be~~ is made of ~~documents US-A-4 905 465, NL-A-83 02111 and US-A-5 048 278~~ U.S. patent 4,905,465, Netherland patent 8302111, and U.S. patent 5,048,278.

(6) On page 2 of the above-referenced patent application (as-filed), please replace the paragraph in lines 6-14 with the following replacement paragraph.

> One of these techniques relies upon a mobile locking element, such as a cam, which is acted upon by a spring and/or by the centrifugal force generated during the rotation of the head to exert a pressure on the string, a bearing counter-surface being provided opposite the locking element to trap the string locally between the element and the bearing surface. ~~The documents US-A-4 301 642, US-A-4 335 510 and EP-A-0 824 854~~ U.S. patent 4,301,642, U.S. patent 4,335,510, and European patent application EP0,824,854 give examples of these techniques.

(7) On page 6 of the above-referenced patent application (as-filed), please replace the paragraph in lines 26-32 with the following replacement paragraph.

> ~~This~~ The part 110 comprises a set of 45° bevels 111, 111' (outer bevels) and 111'' (central bevel) delimiting internally the portions of the part that are raised and externally the portions of the part that are recessed. The overall contour of the bevels is

[[here]] circular and follows the contour of the disc, set back at a certain distance from [[this]] the contour.

(8) On page 10 of the above-referenced patent application (as-filed), please replace the paragraph in lines 18-27 with the following replacement paragraph.

~~This~~ The part 110c comprises two sets of arrangements like those represented in Figure 4, respectively on each of its two faces, with preferably a mutual offset of 90°. One of these sets of arrangements forms counterpart arrangements of those of the part 110a, whereas the other of these sets of arrangements forms counterpart arrangements of those of the part 110b. As a corollary, to fit the intermediate part 110c, the arrangements of the parts 110a and 110b are mutually offset at a 90° angle.

(9) On page 7 of the above-referenced patent application (as-filed), please replace the paragraph in lines 13-32 with the following replacement paragraph.

At the string outlet 115, the bevel 111'' defines a curved bearing zone 120, connected for preference without change of slope on the one hand with the string passageway zone 112 and on the other hand with the circular peripheral zone formed jointly by the three bevels. This curved bearing zone 120 supports the strand of string during cutting, in particular ~~when~~, when the cutting head rotates, it encounters obstacles resisting cutting and causing it to give way (the direction of rotation of the cutting head being given by the arrow F). It is important to note here, according to one aspect of the invention, that, due to the lateral offset of the string passageway 112 in relation to the centre C of the part 110, that is in relation to the axis of rotation of the cutting head, it is possible to give the curved bearing zone 120 a radius of curvature which is much greater

than that which could be achieved, as in the prior art, with a string passageway extending geometrically from the centre C.

(10) On page 12 of the above-referenced patent application (as-filed), please replace the paragraph in lines 3-10 with the following replacement paragraph.

Figure 8 represents a schematic view from above of the cutting head in Figure 7. Installed in this cutting head are ~~three~~ strands of string 300 which project at the string outlet 115 and which stop substantially at the openings 113. Also represented in this figure are the curved bearing surfaces 120 for the strands of string. The direction of rotation of the head is illustrated by the arrow F.

(11) On page 12 of the above-referenced patent application (as-filed), please replace the paragraph in lines 11-15 with the following replacement paragraph.

In addition, it is understood in [[the]] light of the foregoing that by using two intermediate parts of the type of part 110c, or more, and two terminal parts 110a and 110, a head can be implemented with any number of levels.